

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 and 49-60 are pending. A Final Office Action mailed May 3, 2006 rejected Claims 1-3, 6, 10-25, 28, 34, 36, 49-52, and 56-59 under 35 U.S.C. § 102, rejected Claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 26, 27, and 29-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103, allowed Claims 9, 33, 35, and 53-55 and objected to Claim 60. By way of this Amendment, Applicant hereby amends Claims 2-8, 10, 34, and 60 and cancels Claims 1, 11-32, 36, 49-52, and 56-59. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-3, 6, 10-25, 28, 34, 36, 49-52 and 56-59 as being anticipated by Bae et al. With respect to independent Claims 1, 14, 21, 28 and 36, Applicant cancels these claims thereby rendering this rejection moot. Claims 2, 3, and 6 now depend from allowable Claim 60.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejected Claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 26, 27, 29, and 32 as being obvious over Bae et al. in view of Connell et al. Applicant hereby cancels Claims 26, 27, 29, and 32. Because Claims 4, 5, 7, and 8 now depend from an allowable independent claim, they are allowable for the same reasons that make their corresponding independent claim allowable.

OBJECTION

Claim 60 was objected to for depending upon a rejected base claim. Applicant hereby amends Claim 60, thereby rendering this objection moot.

Because Claims 2-8 now depend from allowable Claim 60, they are allowable for the same reasons that make Claim 60 allowable. Claims 2-8 previously depended from Claim 1, which is now included in amended Claim 60. Applicant submits that this change in dependency does present new issues that would require a new search, because of the incorporation of the subject matter of Claim 1 into Claim 60.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims of the pending application are now in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections, allowance, and early passage through issuance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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